GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PLAN TO REVIVE/ IMPROVE THE ROAD AND HIGHWAY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have chalked out an ambitious plan of constructing 20 kilometres of National Highways per day/70000 kilometres every year in the next 18 months;

(b) if so, the modalities worked out for the purpose;

(c) the details of projects to be taken up in the State, State-wise, project-wise;

(d) whether the sluggish project clearances mechanism may likely to adversely affect the targets; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for timely completion of highway projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (c) As per announcement made by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 15.08.2009, a target of building roads @ 20 km per day is aimed at. The work plans under NHDP have been finalized for 2009-10 and 2010-11 which envisage award of approximately 12,000 kms of highways each year as per details enclosed as Annex. Accelerating the award of work is an integral part of the effort to increase the pace of construction substantially.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) In order to expedite implementation of projects regional offices have been set up by NHAI headed by Chief General Managers. Adequate powers have been delegated to the Chief General Managers who will monitor land acquisition matters as well as implementation of projects. Special land acquisition units are also being set up to expedite land acquisition. State Governments have been requested to appoint Chief Secretaries of State as Nodal officers for NHDP projects. Projects are also closely and periodically reviewed at Headquarter as well as at field units.